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In re Application of Klein et al.

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METHODS OF CREATING CONSTRUCTS USEFUL FOR INTRODUCING

SEQUENCES INTO EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-50.

Please add new claims 51-61 as follows:

- 51. (New) A method of producing a targeting construct, the method comprising:
  - (a) amplifying a polynucleotide sequence comprising a first region homologous to a target gene or sequence and a second region homologous to a target gene or sequence;
  - (b) providing a positive selection marker; and

